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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD - KUWAIT PASS DOHA

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAID EINV EG

SUBJECT: KUWAITI ASSISTANCE IN EGYPTIAN JOINT VENTURES

REF: KUWAIT 3602

1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY QUERIED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN

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COOPERATION RE REPORT THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD OFFICIALLY

ASKED KUWAIT TO ABANDON PROJECTS IN EGYPT. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT STORY IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND HAS IN FACT BEEN REFUTED BY EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN KUWAIT.

2. EGYPTIANS BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HAVE LONG INSISTED THAT THE REAL SOURCE OF THE FUNDS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT MUST BE THE ARAB COUNTRIES. STORIES REPORTED FROM KUWAIT WOULD BE COMPLETELY INCONSISTENT WITH THIS APPROACH, AND, AS EMBASSY KUWAIT POINTS OUT, WOULD COME AS A SURPRISE TO EVERYONE FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS VERY UNLIKELY THAT THE GOE HAS TAKEN ACTION OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED. IN FACT, PRESIDENT SADAT ANNOUNCED AUGUST 26 THAT DEP PRIMIN HEGAZI IS LEAVING FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GULF, INCLUDING KUWAIT, FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN LONG-TERM ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
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